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**RESPONSE**

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The following remarks are in response to the Office Action mailed October 25, 2000  
concerning the above-identified patent application.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 to 20 are now pending. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration  
of the present application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1, 3, 8, 9, 12, 14, 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being  
anticipated by WO 97/13064 to Bergstrom et al. (the "Bergstrom reference"). It is  
respectfully submitted that the Bergstrom reference fails to anticipate claims 1, 3, 8, 9, 12,  
14, 17 and 18 for at least the following reasons.